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SUBJ: GOB REQUEST FOR VISIT BY SENIOR OFFICIALS TO NAVAL
FACILITY

REF: STATE 075890

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED NOTE FROM MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS, SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS OF WHICH READ AS FOLLOWS:

"....AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE MINISTRY'S NOTE NO.
EX-C. 154 OF 23 MARCH, 1977 ON THE QUESTION OF THE NAVAL
FACILITY ESTABLISHED BY YOUR GOVERNMENT AT HARRISON'S
IN THE PARISH OF ST. LUCY.

"IN ORDER THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF BARBADOS MAY BE BETTER
ENABLED TO CONDUCT THE NEGOTIATIONS REFERRED TO IN THE SAID
NOTE, THE MINISTRY FORMALLY REQUESTS THAT PERMISSION BE
GRANTED FOR THE UNDER-MENTIONED SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF BARBADOS TO PAY AN INSPECTION VISIT TO THE
FACILITY AND TO SEE ALL THE BUILDING, INSTALLATIONS ESTABLISHED
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THERE AS WELL AS THE OPERATIONS THAT MAY BE CONDUCTED
THEREIN.

THE OFFICIALS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MR. A.W. SYMMONDS, PERMANENT SECRETARY,
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND HEAD

OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE;

MR. O.M. BROWNE, Q.C., SOLICITOR GENERAL;

MR. G.C. MILLAR, PERMANENT SECRETARY,
DIVISION OF DEFENCE AND SECURITY;

MR. I.DEV. ARCHER, PERMANENT SECRETARY,
DIVISION OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM;

MR. G.L. REID, COMMISSIONER OF POLICE;

COLONEL L. C. BANFIELD, COMMANDANT OF THE
BARBADOS REGIMENT;

MAJOR C.A. MCCONNEY, COMMANDER OF THE BARBADOS
COAST GUARD.

THE MINISTRY WOULD WISH AN EARLY REPLY IN ORDER THAT
ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE MADE FOR A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE
FOR THE VISIT."

2. ON BASIS OF VERBAL INQUIRY MADE BY SYMMONDS LAST WEEK,
COMMANDING OFFICER OF NAVAL FACILITY REQUESTED DOD AUTHORI-
ZATION FOR SUCH A VISIT AND BRIEFING. WE UNDERSTAND HE HAS
BEEN TOLD DOD WILL PROBABLY ALLOW ONLY UNCLASSIFIED BRIEFING,
THOUGH HE HAS NOT YET RECEIVED FORMAL REPLY.

3. WE HOPE DECISION HAS NOT, IN FACT, BEEN TAKEN THAT
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CLASSIFIED BRIEFING WILL BE DENIED. MINISTRY'S LIST
STRIKES US AS TOO LONG, AND INTEREST OF SOME PERSONS WHOSE
NAMES APPEAR ON IT IS CLEARLY PERIPHERAL. WE HOLD, HOWEVER,
THAT AT LEAST SYMMONDS, BROWNE AND MILLAR SHOULD BE GIVEN
CLASSIFIED BRIEFING. ALL THREE ARE SENIOR OFFICIALS AND
WILL BE INVOLVED DIRECTLY IN NEGOTIATIONS. TO DENY THEM
CLASSIFIED BRIEFING NOT ONLY WOULD AROUSE UNWARRANTED
SUSPICIONS AS TO PURPOSE OF BASE AND RUFFLE FEATHERS UN-
NECESSARILY BUT ALSO COULD MAKE NEGOTIATIONS MORE DIFFI-
CULT THAN THEY OTHERWISE MIGHT BE. IT SEEMS ILLOGICAL TO
US THAT, IN INTEREST OF SAFEGUARDING US SECURITY, WE WOULD
BE WILLING TO PURSUE COURSE THAT COULD JEOPARDIZE SUCCESSFUL
OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS.
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